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WORLD SUGAR TRADE DECLINES; MOLASSES IMPORTS INCREASE IN 1971

Sugar

During 1971, world exports and imports of sugar declined. World sugar exports increased from an average of 18.0 million metric tons during 1960-64 to 22.1 million in 1970 before declining to 21.1 million in 1971. The primary reason for the decrease in sugar exports was reduced world output, along with continued rising consumption in exporting countries.

Exports from North America, Europe, and the USSR decreased in 1971 from the year before. The main factor in the decrease for North America was Cuba, where crops and export availabilities have been smaller due to overcutting in 1969-70 and other production factors. The USSR had less sugar available for export because it was unable to get its normal amount of raw cane sugar from Cuba and because of a short domestic beet crop. Europe exported less sugar during 1971 following several years of sluggish production; its good 1971 harvest came too late to affect trade during calendar year 1971.

During 1971, increased exports from South America, Africa, Asia, and Oceania only partially offset the decreases from other geographic areas of the world. South America's increases were mainly accounted for by Brazil, where production has been expanding. In Asia, which saw a 16-percent increase from 1970 to 1971, larger exports by the Philippines were the primary reason for the gain. Australia was responsible for a 13-percent increase in exports by Oceania during the same period.

In 1971, world imports of sugar were down 6 percent from the year before. The main factor in this decrease was the reduced purchases by the USSR. Japan also imported slightly less sugar, as did Eastern Europe, as a whole. The United States, the world's largest sugar importer, and the United Kingdom both imported more sugar.

Cuba's exports of sugar to the USSR during 1971 were 1.9 million metric tons, compared with 3.1 million in 1970. Japan was Cuba's second largest market in 1971, followed by Mainland China, East Germany, Bulgaria, North Korea, Chile, and Czechoslovakia, in that order. Cuba had not exported sugar to Chile since 1965. Sugar exports to all of the other above countries decreased with the exception of North Korea.

Molasses

World molasses imports again increased by a sizable amount during 1971 from the previous year. The United States remained the largest molasses importer.

Japan increased molasses imports by 34 percent during 1971 to hold its second ranking. Most of the European countries also imported more molasses in 1971. Inedible molasses continues to grow more important as a livestock feed.

Molasses is exported by a large number of countries. Mexico, Cuba, and the Dominican Republic are the largest North American exporters. The Philippines and Australia are also important exporters.

Sugar, centrifugal (raw value): Imports, average 1960-64, annual 1970 and 1971
(In thousands of metric tons)

Continent and country	Average 1960-64	1970	1971 1/
North America:			
Canada	716	949	899
United States	3,934	4,711	4,774
Other 2/	13	14	15
Total North America	4,663	5,674	5,688
South America:			
Bolivia	15	0	0
Chile	184	100	195
Uruguay	60	73	43
Other 2/	6	3	2
Total South America	265	176	240
Europe:			
Austria	22	3/	3/
Belgium and Luxembourg	49	13	7
Denmark	18	3	15
Finland	154	213	210
France	142	60	143
Germany, West	142	193	177
Greece	111	22	22
Iceland	10	11	10
Ireland	43	31	42
Italy	195	387	438
Malta	14	11	18
Netherlands	192	180	15
Norway	155	175	182
Portugal	158	253	205
Spain 4/	134	135	75
Sweden	70	128	163
Switzerland	229	238	260
United Kingdom	2,344	1,839	1,948
Total West Europe	4,182	3,892	3,930
Bulgaria	129	403	304
Czechoslovakia	75	254	197
Germany, East	164	514	433
Hungary	0	37	198
Poland	140	13	0
Romania	28	99	87
Yugoslavia	116	11	72
Total East Europe	652	1,331	1,291
Total Europe	4,834	5,223	5,221
USSR (Europe and Asia)	2,165	3,005	1,536
Africa:			
Algeria	228	207	142
Ghana	55	125	140
Kenya	30	23	77
Libya	26	60	57
Morocco	345	273	246
Nigeria	64	93	120
Sierra Leone	16	29	24
Sudan	127	135	213
Tanzania	17	5	29
Tunisia	86	110	117
United Arab Republic	68	45	58
Other 2/	312	420	380
Total Africa	1,374	1,525	1,603
Asia:			
Afghanistan	40	54	45
Ceylon	200	265	312
China, Mainland	773	530	464
Cyprus	14	18	18
Hong Kong	177	92	126
Indonesia	0	91	93
Iran 5/	336	75	66
Iraq	204	241	231
Israel	71	118	162
Japan	1,427	2,600	2,498
Jordan	45	58	51
Korea, South	52	229	260
Lebanon	39	52	80
Malaysia	233	380	346
Pakistan	55	70	122
Singapore	133	124	141
Southern Yemen, Rep. of	44	49	48
Syria	70	120	116
Vietnam, South	49	310	300
Other 2/	218	147	117
Total Asia	4,180	5,623	5,596
Oceania:			
New Zealand	129	131	171
Other 2/	16	15	16
Total Oceania	145	146	187
Total world	17,626	21,372	20,071
U. S. Offshore Trade	1,749	1,357	1,112
Puerto Rico 6/	3	1	1
Other 2/	2	2	4
Total	1,754	1,360	1,117

1/ Preliminary. 2/ Includes trade of other countries not shown separately. 3/ Less than 500 tons. 4/ Canary Islands, Cueta, and Melilla considered provinces of Spain after January 1, 1953. 5/ Iranian calendar year. 6/ Sugar and related products.

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(In thousands of metric tons)

Continent and country	Average 1960-64	1970	1971 1/
North America:			
British Honduras	24	61	60
Canada	17	15	12
Costa Rica	29	67	84
El Salvador	16	58	70
Guatemala	28	59	70
Honduras	1	10	10
Mexico	464	578	551
Nicaragua	39	71	78
Panama	7	32	41
United States	5	1	5/
Caribbean:			
Antigua	21	4	8
Barbados	146	132	126
Cuba	4,974	6,906	5,511
Dominican Republic	791	793	1,011
Guadeloupe	161	83	75
Haiti	33	20	21
Jamaica	391	307	310
Martinique	72	0	0
St. Kitts	42	25	23
Trinidad and Tobago	194	180	176
Other 2/	1	0	0
Total North America	7,456	9,402	8,237
South America:			
Argentina	140	121	121
Brazil	556	1,126	1,191
Colombia	39	143	161
Ecuador	43	90	97
Guyana	293	322	361
Peru	497	435	432
Venezuela	11	38	35
Other 2/	6	14	8
Total South America	1,585	2,289	2,406
Europe:			
Belgium and Luxembourg	96	270	239
Denmark	61	44	64
France	744	900	850
Germany, West	20	117	56
Ireland	19	19	15
Netherlands	44	108	129
Switzerland	4	8	9
United Kingdom	432	203	255
Other 2/	80	86	69
Total West Europe	1,500	1,755	1,686
Bulgaria	50	100	100
Czechoslovakia	424	350	320
Germany, East	239	170	100
Hungary	125	23	2
Poland	521	321	88
Romania	150	43	23
Yugoslavia	37	61	61
Total East Europe	1,546	1,068	694
Total Europe	3,046	2,823	2,380
USSR (Europe and Asia)	585	1,517	1,401
Africa:			
Angola	34	12	7
Malagasy Republic	55	52	36
Mauritius	500	575	602
Mozambique	114	179	200
Reunion	25	78	100
Rhodesia 3/	26	50	50
South Africa, Rep. of 4/	441	790	766
Swaziland	NA	158	159
Uganda	33	5	5/
Other 2/	73	135	140
Total Africa	1,301	2,034	2,060
Asia:			
China, Mainland	232	86	103
Taiwan	767	410	523
Hong Kong	39	10	20
India	296	358	353
Indonesia	59	0	0
Philippines	1,065	1,237	1,411
Thailand	30	57	145
Turkey	166	43	29
Other 2/	116	60	48
Total Asia	2,770	2,261	2,632
Oceania:			
Australia 6/	1,036	1,389	1,606
Fiji	231	349	354
Total Oceania	1,267	1,738	1,960
Total world	18,010	22,064	21,076
U.S. Offshore Trade	6	0	0
Puerto Rico	807	320	131
Hawaii	929	1,040	986
Virgin Islands	12	0	0
Total	1,754	1,360	1,117

1/ Preliminary. 2/ Includes trade of other countries not shown separately. 3/ 1960-63 is a combined figure for Malawi, Zambia, South Rhodesia. Beginning 1964, Rhodesia only. 4/ Beginning 1965, Swaziland excluded. 5/ Less than 500 tons. 6/ Crop year ending May of year shown.

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Molasses, industrial: Exports of specified countries,
average 1960-64 and annual 1969 through 1971
(In metric tons)

Continent and country	Average 1960-64	1969	1970	1971 1/
North America:				
Barbados	38,642	33,785	56,701	30,240
Canada	6,939	1,324	1,033	701
Cuba 2/	660,423	425,391	400,000	300,000
Dominican Republic	273,231	189,443	309,430	274,098
Jamaica	119,448	135,529	128,573	111,568
Mexico	413,962	650,638	321,150	670,000
Trinidad and Tobago	69,704	73,026	79,809	72,418
United States	95,865	47,135	57,890	21,944
Total	1,678,214	1,556,271	1,354,586	1,480,969
South America:				
Colombia	0	69,227	25,561	56,979
Ecuador	25,377	27,005	46,429	59,339
Guyana	93,474	106,339	93,849	105,290
Peru	73,841	47,231	65,984	70,000
Total	192,692	249,802	231,823	291,608
Europe:				
Austria	3,608	0	0	0
Belgium and Luxembourg	4,639	6,682	15,464	29,855
Denmark	13,516	25,382	10	0
France	104,128	120,670	191,716	150,000
Germany, West	11	2,325	1,660	14,929
Greece	---	31,913	52.000	49.206
Italy	19,094	26,809	0	0
Netherlands	18,021	42,618	177,727	116,417
United Kingdom 3/	12,197	59,062	48,310	55,326
Total	175,214	315,461	486,887	415,733
Africa:				
Mauritius	85,782	125,181	100,371	120,000
Mozambique	17,936	36,985	72,739	65,000
South Africa, Republic of	69,623	191,723	186,617	146,000
Total	173,341	353,889	359,727	331,000
Asia:				
Hong Kong	1,265	0	0	0
India 3/	51,848	0	121,690	0
Indonesia	122,998	169,757	134,751	100,000
Philippines	316,447	484,096	619,381	496,166
Thailand	54,688	82,413	111,528	174,756
Turkey	23,540	79,520	23,100	43,302
Total	570,786	815,786	1,010,450	814,224
Oceania:				
Australia	4/ 43,344	165,406	203,134	220,558
Fiji	56,983	118,383	70,000	75,000
Total	100,327	283,789	273,134	295,558
Total of above	2,890,574	3,574,998	3,716,607	3,629,092

1/ Preliminary. 2/ Compiled from statistics of importing countries. 3/ Includes invert sugar.
4/ Crop year beginning July of year indicated.

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(In metric tons)

Continent and country	Average 1960-64	1969	1970	1971 1/
North America:				
Canada 2/	128,229	154,893	168,218	145,710
United States	1,613,709	1,930,555	2,038,360	2,129,031
Total	1,741,938	2,085,448	2,206,578	2,274,741
Europe:				
Austria	51	16,005	12,706	26,763
Belgium and Luxembourg	95,977	94,609	137,347	193,434
Denmark	5,044	635	3,924	4,455
France	12,000	108,518	160,502	185,000
Germany, West	140,838	136,410	241,416	296,501
Greece	7,425	2,313	914	605
Ireland	8,012	29,587	39,252	84,601
Italy	9,934	39,899	79,479	120,408
Netherlands	163,433	293,141	563,617	575,256
Norway	23,823	53,630	53,841	57,931
Sweden	31,564	48,019	46,990	64,418
United Kingdom 3/	433,184	550,726	585,629	623,824
Total	931,285	1,373,492	1,925,617	2,233,196
Other countries:				
Hong Kong	5,471	434	500	550
Japan	478,018	712,942	872,866	1,170,084
Total	483,489	713,376	873,366	1,170,634
Total of above	3,156,712	4,172,316	5,005,561	5,678,571

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